

2009 Exploring the Small Farm Dream COURSE REGISTRATION

Locations and time to be announced

Cost for this course will be \$125.00 for a single enterprise (you can bring one extra person for same fee - extra workbook is \$20 if needed). *Please note that this course is first limited to those living in and/or planning to farm in Massachusetts. Out of state participants may be admitted at \$75 additional cost if there is room.*

Return Form (no payment at this time) to Rick Chandler, MDAR, 25 West Experiment Station, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Thank you.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name(s):
Name of Enterprise (if any):
Address:
Phone:
Email:

YOUR CURRENT FARMING STAGE

(Check the one that best describes you)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we are <i>thinking about</i> starting a small farm business.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we are <i>actively planning</i> to start a small farm business within the next year or two.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we are <i>currently running a small farm business and are in the process of re-strategizing</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe):

YOUR FARMING & BUSINESS BACKGROUND

Describe your agricultural experience, if any.
Have you ever been self-employed? If yes, describe.
Describe your business and/or management experience, if any.

What are your previous occupations and relevant educational experience?
List any other agricultural programs or groups you are involved in (Ag Commission, MA Dept. of Ag programs, Forestry programs, USDA programs, Farm Credit, UMass Extension, Locally Grown program etc.)

YOUR CURRENT LAND RESOURCES

Do you currently have access to land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Complete this section.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> No (Go on to next section.)
Describe the general location, acreage and type of your available land (tillable, woods, pasture, etc.).	
Describe your form of land tenure (i.e., own, lease, rent, other).	

YOUR CURRENT SMALL FARM BUSINESS IDEA

Briefly describe (1) your <i>business idea (small farm dream)</i> , including proposed enterprise(s) (e.g., vegetables, beef, educational programs), marketing strategy(ies) (e.g., farm stand, farmers' market, CSA, sell to supermarkets), and <i>desired location</i> , or (2) if you are currently farming, your <i>current enterprise and how it may change</i> .
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YOUR EXPLORER GOALS

Please describe what you hope to gain from taking the <i>Explorer</i> course.
